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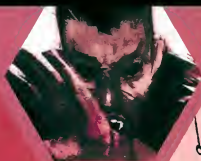


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OTACON?
SNAKE HERE.
I'M ABOUT
TO ENTER
THE CARGO
HOLD.

OLGA?
I DON'T
THINK SO.

AFFIRMATIVE.
YOU SURE NO
ONE SAW YOUR
TUSSELE WITH
THAT *RUSSIAN*
WOMAN?

SHE WAS A
TOUGH CUSTOMER
THOUGH—I'LL GIVE
HER THAT.



STILL NO
ALARMS. I CAN'T
BELIEVE THE MARINES
STILL DON'T KNOW
WHAT'S GOING ON
AROUND HERE.

WELL, I
CAN'T BELIEVE
YOU SHOWED UP
AT THE SAME
EXACT TIME THIS
MESS WAS
HAPPENING!

HOW THE HELL
WAS I SUPPOSED
TO KNOW THAT
RUSSIAN MERCS
WERE GOING TO
HIJACK A U.S.
MILITARY TANKER
TONIGHT?

YEAH, BUT
STILL, SNAKE,
YOU GOTTA
SAY...




WHAT
CAN I TELL
YOU? I LEAD
A CHARMED
LIFE.

WORST.

TIMING.

EVER.



AT ANY
RATE, THIS IS
NO COINCIDENCE.
COLONEL
GURLUKOVICH
IS ALSO AFTER THE
NEW *METAL GEAR*
PROTOTYPE
STASHED AWAY
ONBOARD. HAS
TO BE.

MOST LIKELY,
EVER SINCE
SHADOW MOSES,
METAL GEAR REX
VARIANTS HAVE
BEEN POPPING
UP ALL OVER
THE GLOBE.

THANKS
TO *OCELOT*
SELLING THE
TECHNICAL SPECS
ON THE BLACK
MARKET.



BUT THIS NEW
AMPHIBIOUS VERSION
IS MUCH **FASTER** AND
MORE **POWERFUL** THAN
ANYTHING WE'VE EVER SEEN
BEFORE! SHE'S PRETTY
MUCH DESIGNED TO MOP
THE FLOOR WITH **ALL**
THE OTHER MODELS.

AN
ANTI-METAL
GEAR METAL
GEAR...

ALL WE
NEED IS EVIDENCE
OF ITS EXISTENCE.
WHICH MEANS...

I KNOW,
I KNOW. JUST
TAKE PHOTOS.
NO KILLING
OR BLOWING
STUFF UP.

YOU'RE
NO FUN.

SERIOUSLY, SNAKE,
YOU AND I FORMED
PHILANTHROPY TO
EXPOSE AND GET RID
OF ALL METAL GEAR
WEAPONS GLOBALLY.
WE HAVE A VITAL
RESPONSIBILITY TO
THE PUBLIC TRUST!

KID, WE MAY
BE OFFICIALLY
RECOGNIZED BY
THE U.N., BUT PUBLIC
PERCEPTION IS
THAT WE'RE STILL
VERY **FRINGE**.

HANG
ON A
SEC...

NNN!

JEEZ,
SNAKE, EASE UP
ON THAT POOR
MARINE. HE'S NO
TERRORIST.

HE'LL BE
ALL RIGHT.
A LITTLE
BEAUTY SLEEP
NEVER HURT
ANYONE.

WHOA.



THERE
IT IS.

METAL
GEAR
RAY...



IMPRESSIVE.

YOU SHOULD
SEE HOW *SLEEK*
THIS METAL GEAR IS.
OTACON, IT MAKES
OF. REXXY LOOK
LIKE A PUMPS
TER WITH LEGS.

YEAH,
YEAH... JUST
MAKE SURE
YOU REMOVE
THE LENS
CAP BEFORE
SHOOTING.
OKAY?



HEH. OUR
BOY IS
RIGHT ON
SCHEDULE.



SMILE
FOR YOUR
ADORING
PUBLIC
HERO.

AFTER
I'M DONE WITH
YOU, THEY'LL ALL
THINK YOU'RE
PUBLIC ENEMY
NUMBER
ONE.

KLICK

KLICK

KLICK

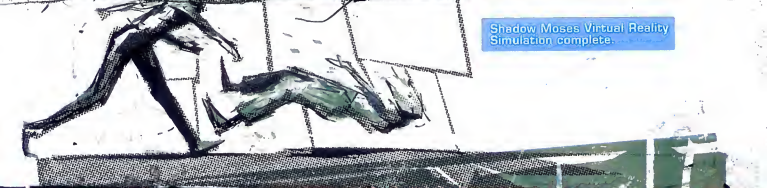
2 YEARS LATER







Shadow Moses Virtual Reality
Simulation complete.



Subject: Foxhound agent-in-
training designate Raiden.
Fifth Mission Iteration.
Success Rate Average: 92.3%.

92.3%?

WELL,
THAT
BLOWS.





I'LL NEVER
GET INTO THE
FIELD IF I DON'T
RATCHET UP
THAT SCORE...

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

ROSE!
DAMN! I
FORGOT TO
CALL HER
BACK!



HELLO?



HELLO,
JACK.

IT'S
BEEN
A LONG
TIME.



...

WHO IS
THIS?



OH, JUST
A BLAST
FROM YOUR
OH-SO-
COLORFUL
PAST.

I'VE BEEN
LOOKING FOR
YOU FOR A LONG
TIME, JACKIE BOY.
THEY MAY HAVE
TAKEN YOU AWAY
FROM ME, BUT I
KNEW I'D TRACK
YOU DOWN
EVENTUALLY.



LOOK...
PAL, I,
UH... THINK
YOU MAY HAVE
THE WRONG
NUMBER.

OH, COME
ON, JACK.
I KNOW YOU
RECOGNIZE
MY VOICE.

YOU HAVE
TO. WE GO
BACK SUCH A
LONG WAY.

I'VE
CALLED TO
TAKE YOU
HOME. I NEED
YOUR *SKILLS*,
JACK. I NEED
THAT *KILLER*
INSTINCT OF
YOURS.

YOU DO
REMEMBER
HOW TO *KILL*...
DON'T YOU,
RIPPER?

R-RIPPER?

I...
UH...

NOW...
NOW LISTEN,
YOU *SON*
OF A *BITCH*.
I DON'T KNOW
WHO YOU
ARE AND I
DON-

*SHUT
UP AND
LISTEN,
BOY.*

I'LL NOT
DIVULGE
PARTICULARS
OVER A CELL
PHONE, SO I'LL
HAVE TO DEPEND
ON YOUR DULLED
SUBCONSCIOUS
TO FILL IN THE
NECESSARY
BLANKS.

I'VE ALREADY
COMPLETED THE
FIRST PHASE OF MY
MASTERSTROKE
AND I COULD USE
A GOOD SOLDIER
LIKE *YOU* TO HELP
FINISH IT.

HOWEVER...

...*SHOULD*
YOU FOOLISHLY
DECLINE THIS *ONE*
AND *ONLY* OFFER
TO *REJOIN* MY
ORGANIZATION, I
WILL BE FORCED TO
ASSUME YOU ARE
AFFILIATED WITH
THEM.

AND THERE
WILL BE *NO*
MERCY FOR
THAT SORT OF
BETRAYAL.



REJOIN
YOUR... I...
W-WHAT ARE
YOU TALKI-

LOOK
DEEP INSIDE
YOURSELF, SON.
I KNOW THEY
HAVEN'T BURIED
YOUR PAST
COMPLETELY.

TRY TO
REMEMBER
WHO YOU
ARE...

WHO YOU
WERE...

THE
WHITE
DEVIL.

JACK
THE
RIPPER.

MY
LOYAL,
LITTLE
SOLDIER.

RINGING
ANY
BELLS?

HELLO?
JACK?

ANYBODY
HOME?

TIME'S UP.
MY CODED
NUMBER IS ON
YOUR CALLER ID.
YOU HAVE
TWO HOURS
TO DECIDE.

KLK

JACK?

JACK,
ARE YOU
OKA-

WHAT?!
WHAT IS
IT YOU
WANT WITH
ME?!



OH...
OMIGOD.

WHAT
THE HELL IS
WRONG WITH
YOU?!

ROSE,
I'M SO
SORRY.

I... I
HAVE NO
IDEA WHERE
THAT CAME
FROM.

IT'S...
OKAY.

LOOK,
JACK—WE
NEED TO
TALK.

OH, COME
ON, ROSE. I
REALLY AM
SORRY.

I MEAN, I
KNOW THINGS
HAVE BEEN A
BIT **STRAINED**
BETWEEN
US LATELY,
BUT...

OH, NO,
JACK, NO,
I'M SORRY, I
DIDN'T MEAN
THAT.

I MEAN,
SURE, WE HAVE
SOME THINGS WE
NEED TO WORK
OUT, BUT...

ANYWAY,
LOOK, I'M NOT
HERE ABOUT OUR
SITUATION, I'M HERE
BECAUSE THE WORD
FINALLY CAME
DOWN FROM
THE TOP.

YOU FINALLY
GET YOUR FIELD
ASSIGNMENT, JACK.
COMMAND WANTS
YOU FOR THE BIG
SHELL OPERATION.
FOXHOUND
PRIORITY ONE.

**BIG
SHELL?**

ARE YOU
SERIOUS?

YES!
I CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT!

THIS IS *IT*,
HONEY! THIS IS
CAREER-MAKING
STUFF!

THIS IS
WHAT I'VE BEEN...
WAIT. HANG ON A
SECOND HERE.

WHY
DID THEY
SEND...

ME?
WHY DID
THEY SEND
ME TO TELL
YOU ALL
THIS?

WELL,
THAT'S THE
PART WE NEED
TO TALK
ABOUT.

I'M... I'M ALSO
ASSIGNED TO THE
BIG SHELL OP.

I'M YOUR
MISSION
ANALYST.

JACK?
PLEASE DON'T
BE UPSET! YOU
HAVE TO KNOW
NONE OF THIS
WAS MY IDEA!

WE BOTH
KNOW THAT
COUPLES
WORKING THE SAME
MISSION IS A BREACH
OF *FOXHOUND*
PROTOCOL, BUT
YOU HAVE *NO* IDEA
HOW INSISTENT
THEY WERE!

HONESTLY,
JACK—IT WAS
EITHER ACCEPT
THE ASSIGNMENT
OR BE
DISCHARGED!

LOOK, I
DON'T WANT
TO BE TROUBLE
FOR YOU. IF THEY
DON'T REASSIGN
ME, THEN I'LL
JUST RESIGN.

NO!
NO, ROSE.
DON'T.

I DON'T
PROFESS TO
UNDERSTAND THE
BRASS'S MOTIVES
AND FRANKLY, IT'S
NOT MY JOB TO. I
FOLLOW *ORDERS*.
PERIOD.

COMMAND
FELT THAT FOR
YOUR FIRST SOLO
MISSION, YOUR
CONTACTS SHOULD BE
FAMILIAR TO YOU, A
CALMING INFLUENCE
DURING STRESSFUL
SITUATIONS.

I'M FINE
WITH YOU
AS MY
MISSION
ANALYST.
REALLY.



JACK, LISTEN-
ABOUT THIS
MISSION... THERE'S
SOMETHING ABOUT
IT ALL THAT'S
NOT...

WHAT IS
IT, ROSE?
WHAT'S
WRONG?



I...

IT'S...
NOTHING.
JUST BE
CAREFUL,
OKAY?

I WILL.



ROSE,
WAIT!

WHAT'S
THE STORY
ON THE
TERRORISTS?
JUST WHO AM I
UP AGAINST?



WELL, I WAS
SUPPOSED TO
LET COMMAND
BRIEF YOU ON
THIS, BUT...



IT'S
HIM,
JACK.

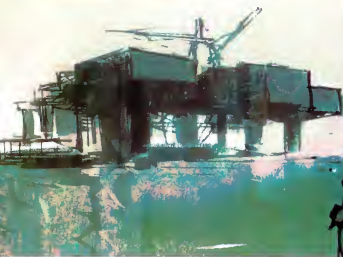
THE
ONE YOU'VE
BEEN TRAINED
TO REPLACE.
THE LEGEND
HIMSELF...



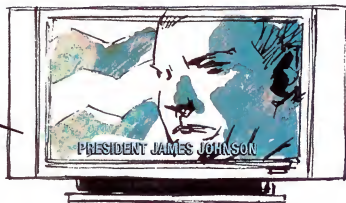
SOLID
SNAKE.

THIS IS
KAREN HOJO,
ACTION NEWS 10,
REPORTING LIVE
FROM HUDSON
BAY.

APPROXIMATELY
SIX HOURS AGO, THE
BIG SHELL WAS SEIZED
BY AN ARMED GROUP OF
TERRORISTS DURING A
GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED
TOUR ATTENDED BY
THE **PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED STATES,
JAMES JOHNSON.**



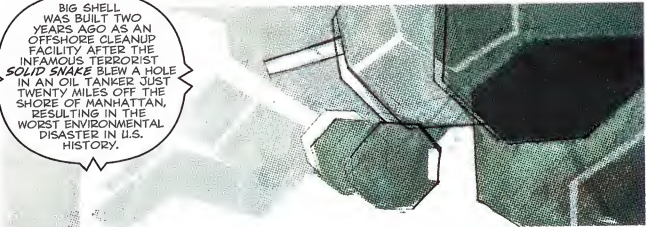
CALLING
THEMSELVES "**THE
SONGS OF LIBERTY**,"
THE TERRORISTS ARE
DEMANDING **THIRTY
BILLION DOLLARS** FOR
THE SAFE RETURN
OF THE PRESIDENT
AND THE OTHER
HOSTAGES.




IF THEIR
DEMANDS ARE
NOT MET, THEY
HAVE THREATENED
TO **DESTROY** BIG
SHELL AND IGNITE THE
CRUDE, POTENTIALLY
TURNING MANHATTAN
HARBOR INTO AN
UNCONTROLLABLE
INFERNO.

AND THAT'S
NOT THE WORST-
CASE SCENARIO. WE'VE
BEEN TOLD THAT IF THE
CHLORIDES BEING USED
TO DECONTAMINATE THE
SEAWATER GO UP WITH THE
OIL, TOXINS CONTAINING
CATASTROPHIC LEVELS
OF DIOXINS WILL BE
RELEASED, WIPING OUT
THE ENTIRE BAY'S
ECOSYSTEM.





BIG SHELL
WAS BUILT TWO
YEARS AGO AS AN
OFFSHORE CLEANUP
FACILITY AFTER THE
INFAMOUS TERRORIST
SOLID SNAKE BLEW A HOLE
IN AN OIL TANKER JUST
TWENTY MILES OFF THE
SHORE OF MANHATTAN,
RESULTING IN THE
WORST ENVIRONMENTAL
DISASTER IN U.S.
HISTORY.




ACCORDING
TO PENTAGON
SOURCES, "**THE
SONS OF LIBERTY**"
ARE REPORTEDLY
HEADED UP BY THE
VERY SAME **SOLID
SNAKE**, WHO HAS
ALSO CLAIMED
RESPONSIBILITY FOR
VARIOUS OTHER
ACTS OF
TERROR...



...INCLUDING
THE **SHADOW
MOSES
CRISIS**...



...AND
THE PARIS
HOTEL
BOMBING THAT
KILLED FORMER
PRESIDENT
**GEORGE
SEARG.**



AT THIS HOUR,
THE U.S. MILITARY
HAS QUARANTINED
THE BIG SHELL IN A
MILE-WIDE PERIMETER
AND THE PENTAGON IS
EXPECTED TO RESPOND
TO THE TERRORIST
DEMANDS SOON.

THIS IS
KAREN HOJO,
REPORTING LIVE
FOR ACTION
10 NEWS.

THAT'S A
WRAP. NOW
LET'S GET THE
HELL OUT OF
HERE.



I HAVE
A REALLY BAD
FEELING ABOUT
THIS...



RAIDEN
TO COLONEL
CAMPBELL.

I'M JUST
OUTSIDE THE
OIL FENCE.
AWAITING
FURTHER
ORDERS.



GOOD.
YOU HAVE
TWO MISSION
OBJECTIVES...

*ONE—
INFILTRATE
BIG SHELL AND
SAFEGUARD
THE PRESIDENT
AND OTHER
HOSTAGES.*

*TWO—
DISARM THE
TERRORISTS BY
ANY MEANS
NECESSARY.*

INTEL
SUGGESTS THE
TERRORISTS ARE
FORMER MEMBERS
OF THE NAVY
SEALS' SPECIAL
ANTITERRORIST
TRAINING SQUAD,
DEAD CELL.

WE ALSO
BELIEVE A RUSSIAN
MERCENARY ARMY
IS ACTING AS THEIR
OPERATIONAL
SUPPORT...

MOST LIKELY
*GURLUKOVICH
SPETNAZ
TROOPS.*

THEY'RE A
HIGHLY TRAINED
GROUP, AND THEY
HAVE BIG SHELL
UNDER COMPLETE
CONTROL.

WHO'S
OPERATING
AHEAD OF
ME?

AHEAD
OF YOU?
WHAT DO YOU
MEAN?

THERE'S
A *BRAND-
NEW HOLE* CUT
THROUGH THE OIL
FENCE. SOMEONE
ELSE HERE BESIDES
ME WANTED TO
GET IN PRETTY
BADLY.

HMM.
I DON'T
KNOW, BUT IT
COULDN'T HAVE
BEEN THE SEAL
RESCUE TEAM.
ROSE?

THAT'S
CORRECT, COLONEL.
SEAL TEAM 10 IS
CONDUCTING ITS OWN
OPERATION ON BIG
SHELL'S ROOFTOP.
AS FAR AS WE KNOW,
YOU'RE THE ONLY
OTHER FRIENDLY
HERE.

BUT EVEN
THE SEALS CAN'T
KNOW YOUR TRUE
AFFILIATION.
REMEMBER, RAIDEN—
*FOXHOUND IS A
COVERT BODY.*
SHOULD YOU GET
CAUGHT...

I'M ON
MY OWN.
PLAUSIBLE
DENIABILITY.
YES, SIR.

EXACTLY.



I'M
JUST INSIDE
STRUT A OF
SHELL ONE.

LOOKS
LIKE THERE
ARE NO
SENTRIES
POSTED.



I'M
GEARING
UP.

MAN,
THESE ARE
SOME FUNKY
DUDS R AND
D GAVE ME.

WHAT
DID THEY
CALL IT? A
**SMART
SUIT?**

JACK—
EXCUSE ME,
RAIDEN—YOUR
SKULL SUIT USES
ELECTROFIBER
TECHNOLOGY, A
BYPRODUCT OF
FIBER-OPTICS
RESEARCH.

DATA
CONCERNING
DAMAGE TO VARIOUS
REGIONS OF THE BODY,
INCLUDING BLOOD
LOSS, IS EXCHANGED
BETWEEN THE SUIT AND
YOUR INTRAVENOUS
NANOMACHINES TO
CREATE A FEEDBACK
SYSTEM.

UH, OKAY.
AS LONG AS IT
WORKS, THAT'S
FINE BY ME.



IT'S
QUIET.



TOO
QUIET.



I'VE
SIGHTED AN
ENEMY SENTRY.
LOOKS LIKE
SOMEONE
ALREADY TOOK
HIM OUT.



NO SHOTS
FIRED. MINIMAL
STRUGGLE. A VERY
CLEAN TAKEDOWN
OF RUSSIA'S
FINEST.

COLONEL,
THERE'S OBVIOUSLY
SOMEONE ELSE
OPERATING HERE
BESIDES ME. SOMEONE
WITH A LOT
OF TALENT.



COLONEL?

I...
DON'T HAVE
A RESPONSE TO
THAT. YOU JUST
NEED TO STAY
FOCUSED ON YOUR
ROLE IN THIS
MISSION, RAIDEN.
NOW, I WANT
YOU TO...

EXCUSE
ME, COLONEL...
I'VE JUST
INTERCEPTED A
SEAL TEAM ALPHA
TRANSMISSION...



...THERE'S BEEN
A DEVELOPMENT.

THIS IS
ALPHA ZERO.
WE HAVE THE
PRESIDENT,
SAFE AND
SOUND.



WHAT
ABOUT THE
PACKAGE?

THE **PACKAGE**
IS **SECURE**.
EASY MONEY.

GOOD
WORK. YOUR
RETRIEVAL IS
ON THE WAY.

ROGER
THA--

DUM DUM
DEDUM DUM
DEDUM DEDUM
DEDUM DUM...

GOOD
LORD...



WHAT?

**HAIL TO
THE CHIEF**,
SOLDIER. YOU
FORGOT TO PLAY
IT FOR YOUR
COMMANDER-
IN-CHIEF.

A
TERRIBLE
BREACH OF
ETIQUETTE,
REALLY.

I AM
VAMP.

AND I AM
HERE TO TEACH
YOU SOME
MANNERS.



To be continued.